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AGFC agrees to first land purchase with gas lease funds Conservative spring turkey season set by commissioners

PINE BLUFF – Commissioners with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission wasted little time before agreeing to purchase their first piece of property utilizing funds from oil and gas leases on the state's wildlife management areas. At its monthly meeting last week, commissioners agreed to pay just over \$2.12 million for over 1,800 acres near the Choctaw Island WMA in Desha County.

AGFC chairman Freddie Black of Lake Village said that the land was a great opportunity for the state. "This sends a clear message to the people of Arkansas on what we plan to do with the money from oil and gas exploration. It's a unique property and I'm really excited that we have this opportunity," he said.

Rep. Robert Moore, of Arkansas City, enthusiastically endorsed the purchase. "This acquisition will really compliment Choctaw Island WMA. It falls in line with what I've been trying to do to promote the Delta and southeast Arkansas. I support it 100 percent," Moore said.

For the third consecutive year, Commissioners agreed with a recommendation by the agency's wildlife management division that a shorter, later season is needed to match gobbler harvest to recent below-average turkey brood production levels and to allow more hens to breed and start nesting before hunters take to the woods.

The recommendation was made after a review of recent harvests, brood surveys and gobbling chronology data along with input from turkey hunters. AGFC turkey program coordinator Mike Widner has recommended implementing a long-term conservative season structure to include a shorter spring turkey season and a later opening date. "The conservative season structure has increased gobbler carryover and also helped stabilize the recent declines in turkey



populations and harvest," he added.



The spring 2009 turkey season youth hunt will be April 4-5 for most of the state and March 28-29 for zone 17. The statewide turkey season will be April 11-May 1 in zones 1, 2, 3, 4B, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9 and 10; April 11-24 in zones 4, 4A, 5A and 9A and April 4 to 26 in zone 17. Zone 1A will be closed.

The bag limit for the spring season will be the same as last year with no more than one legal turkey per day and no more than one jake. Hunters will also be restricted to no more than two total legal turkeys per season.

In other business, the Commission:

*Heard a proposal for a private lands elk hunt in zone 4. The proposal came about in response to elk and landowner conflicts in the area. The

proposed season will be five days in January with a limit of one elk per hunter. If approved, the quota will be five antlerless elk and two either sex elk.

*Heard a proposal for the 2009 commercial fishing regulations. The proposed regulations included keeping a minimum length limit on Mississippi River paddlefish at 34 inches and at 36 inches for paddlefish on the Arkansas River below Dardanelle. After meeting with commercial fishermen, an agreement was reached to propose a change in the season dates for paddlefish. The proposed dates are Nov. 20 to April 10 on the Arkansas River. The proposed changes do not include the Dardanelle and Ozark pools of the River.

*Approved a budget increase of just over \$120,200 to purchase a new fish delivery truck. The truck will be used at the Jim Hinkle Spring River Hatchery in Mammoth Spring.

Arkansas special youth deer hunt coming up Nov. 1-2

LITTLE ROCK – Modern gun deer season is just around the corner, but Arkansas's youth will get the first shot.

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Special Youth Modern Gun Deer Hunt is set for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1-2, across the state. The only areas not open to young people on those days will be wildlife management areas where permits are required for deer hunting.

Anyone under 16 years old can hunt. During the hunt, youths aged 15 years and younger are not under any antler restrictions for the first buck. The second buck must comply with antler restrictions for the area.

A key point in the rules for the youth hunt is that each youngster has to be accompanied by an "adult mentor," not necessarily a parent. If the young hunter has completed a hunter education course, he or she can hunt a reasonable distance away from the adult mentor who must be 18 or older. But if the young hunter does not have hunter education certification, he or she must be under direct supervision of the adult. This means within arm's reach - in the same stand or close at hand. And in the case of the young person without hunter education, the adult mentor must be 21 or older.



New this year is a provision that hunters who are 65 years of age and older, and possess a valid Arkansas hunting license, may harvest their bag limit during the statewide youth hunt when accompanying a hunter 15 years or younger. These deer must comply with standard zone and WMA restrictions and is not considered bonus deer.

For youths who have successfully completed hunter education courses, the certification cards must be carried with them during the hunt, not remaining at home in a dresser drawer.



No dogs can be used on the special youth hunt, and deer hunting will remain open for archery and crossbow hunters across the state. Archery hunters must wear hunter orange during this two-day hunt.

Youths must tag their deer immediately when they are successful on the hunt. They should use tags from the center spread of the 2008-09 Arkansas Hunting Guidebook, which are free and available from any license dealer or AGFC office. Tags from an adult mentor's license cannot be used, and the deer cannot be moved until it is tagged.

The special youth hunt for deer is similar to the AGFC's special youth hunts for turkey and waterfowl. It puts young people in the field in uncrowded conditions. The youth hunt days are closed to adults for hunting, with the exception of the archery and crossbow users. AGFC leaders believe the special hunts are an efficient route to introducing young people in Arkansas to hunting for the popular species like deer, turkey and

ducks that they hear their parents and other adults talk about.

A deer taken by a youth during the special hunt counts toward the season limit, which depends on the deer zones of the state. This year, the state limit is a maximum of four deer, of which no more than two can be bucks. Hunters cannot take more than two does with firearms, either modern guns or muzzle-loaders.

Arkansas's regular modern gun hunt opens Saturday, Nov. 8.

Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek WMA offering online waterfowl drawing again this season

GEORGETOWN – Waterfowl hunters again will have the convenience of an online permit application process for the Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms Wildlife Management Area. Several of the waterfowl hunting permits on the WMA will be drawn from online applications.

There will be six "holes" available for online draw including one mobility-impaired accessible blind. The first hunts will be on Nov. 22 and 23. The application period for all of the season's hunts will be open Oct. 31.

Each successful applicant will be allowed to have up to three guests during the hunt. The WMA is open to hunting Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays during duck season, AGFC waterfowl program coordinator Luke Naylor explained. "Online permit recipients must check-in at the Raft Creek headquarters the morning of the hunt and prior to the onsite draw to reserve their online permit hole. If the permitted hunter does not check in, the computer drawn hole number will be offered during the regular onsite draw," Naylor said.



Applications can be filled out at http://www.agfc.com/hunting/waterfowl-migratory-birds/migratory-birds-license/raftcreek_permits.aspx. If you do not have Internet access, you may apply by calling the Brinkley Regional AGFC Office and applying by phone at (877) 734-4581. Hunters wishing to utilize the mobility impaired accessible blind must possess a valid AGFC mobility impaired permit.

A few basics help to improve bear hunting chances

LITTLE ROCK – One form of hunting in Arkansas that is on the upswing is bear. Last year produced a record in terms of numbers of bears checked by hunters, and the 2008 season appears encouraging also.

Modern gun bear hunting will start Nov. 3 in Bear Zones 1 and 2, essentially the Ozark and Ouachita mountains. The southeast Arkansas bear hunts come a little later, and there will be a youth hunt for bear on Nov. 1-2 in Zones 1 and 2.

Check the current Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Hunting Guidebook for specifics.

Success in hunting bears falls into two categories – chance and being prepared with adequate advance scouting.

Chance bear hunting is usually when someone is on a deer stand when a bear walks within shooting range. This does take place and not all that rarely. Just be sure that bear season is open where you are deer hunting.

If you are going out specifically for bear, here are a few suggestions to improve your chances.

Learn what a bear eats and when. Bears are omnivorous, meaning they eat both plant and animal material. A bear will eat nearly anything it comes across. In the fall in Arkansas' Ozarks and Ouachitas, acorns are a favorite of bears. So are poke berries and persimmons.

Bears are large animals, so they eat a lot and drink a lot of water. Mountain creeks may be dry this time of year, but little ponds are scattered all through the national forests.

If you could be fortunate enough to find a pond in a cluster of oaks with a couple of persimmon trees and a clump of poke weed – you may have a fine bear hunting stand.



Like most game animals, bears tend to feed early and late in the day, especially when it's warm. They are wearing heavy fur coats and sunny middays can send them to shade for several hours.

If you have picked out a general area for seeking bears, get a topo map. This is short for topographical, and it is a map that shows elevation lines. They are virtually essential for back-country work in the Ozarks and Ouachitas, and they will show the bench areas in the hills, the saddles between peaks or tops that are travel corridors for animals, and they will show those small ponds.

Bears seem big to most people in the outdoors. Look at the ears to judge size of a bear. If the ears look big, that indicates a young bear, a small one. If the ears look small, you've got a mature

bear in front of you.

Bears do not have noticeable gender signs like a male deer's antlers. It is legal to shoot either male or female bears, but logic tells us not to shoot a sow bear with a young cub or two by her side.

Bears rely on three major senses in their activities – smell, hearing and eyesight. They are in that order of importance. A bear can smell food and can smell you from quite a distance. They can hear you walking or shuffling about. But they have to be fairly close to see you.

If you see a bear stand up on its hind legs, chances are the animal is trying to get a better sniff of something it has caught in the wind, trying to hear better or even trying to see what that puzzling thing is. A standing bear is not, at the moment, in a threatening position.

If you are successful in bearing hunt, when you have killed one in the back country, you have another challenge – getting it out.

Be prepared to gut the bear on the spot to reduce weight. Be prepared to skin it on the spot. This cools the carcass, essential for palatable meat on your table. Then the carcass can be quartered and taken out or dragged with the aid of a tarp or a plastic sled and some rope – and hopefully, a helper.

Jardis Point mobility impaired deer hunt dates have been changed

GILLETT - Dates for the Jardis Point portion of the Trusten Holder Wildlife Management Area Special Mobility Impaired Deer Hunt have been changed, as recommended by officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

At the time the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's 2008-09 Arkansas Hunting Guidebooks were published, this special hunt was scheduled to begin at noon, Nov. 26 through noon, Nov. 28. Due to potential conflicts with the Thanksgiving holidays, the Corps of Engineers officials requested to change the hunt dates to noon, Nov. 24 through noon, Nov. 26.

The Corps has notified all permit holders of the season date changes. This Special Mobility Impaired Deer Hunt is administered entirely through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including the application process. All applicants must meet the qualifying criteria established by the Corps which is different from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's mobility impaired access permit criteria.



All other hunters are reminded that all other hunting seasons are closed during this Special Mobility Impaired Deer Hunt on the Jardis Point portion of the Trusten Holder Wildlife Management Area.

AGFC to answer questions on KARK phone bank

LITTLE ROCK – Got a question about deer or duck hunting in Arkansas? The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be in KARK-TV studios on Nov. 3 to answer questions from the public.

A crew of experts, including biologists and enforcement officers, will be on hand in the KARK Channel 4 studios to take calls beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing until 7 p.m.



Boating education class schedule

Click here for boating education information: <http://www.agfc.com/education-class/boating-education.aspx>

Hunter education class schedule

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What's open for hunting

Current and approaching seasons in Arkansas:

Deer:

Archery – All zones: Oct. 1, 2008 to Feb. 28, 2009.

Modern Gun - Zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11: Nov. 8-30.

Zone 4: Nov. 8-9.

Zone 5: Nov. 8-9 and Nov. 15-16.

Zone 4A, 5A, 13, 14 and 15: Nov. 8-Dec. 7.

Zones 4B and 5B: Nov. 8-16.

Zones 9 and 12: Nov. 8-Dec. 14.

Zone 16, 16A and 17: Nov. 8-Dec. 25.

Muzzleloader- Zones 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5A, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15: Oct. 18-26 and Dec. 13-15.

Zones 9, 12, 16, 16A and 17: Oct. 18-26 and Dec. 29-31.

Zones 4, 4B, 5 and 5B: Closed.

The statewide Christmas holiday modern gun deer hunt will be Dec. 26 to 28 with the special youth modern gun deer hunt in all zones (excludes certain WMAs where a modern gun or muzzleloader permit is required to hunt) scheduled for Nov. 1 to 2.

Duck:

Nov. 22-Dec. 1,

Dec. 6-Dec. 24

Dec. 26-Jan. 25.

The youth waterfowl hunt will be Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Northwest Canada goose zone season:

Sept. 27-Oct. 6 (bag limit two).

Statewide Canada goose season:

Jan. 10-Feb. 1 (bag limit two).

White-fronted goose season:

Nov. 15-Dec. 1, Dec. 6-Dec. 24 and Dec. 26-Jan. 30 with a bag limit of two.

Snow, blue and Ross' goose season:

Nov. 8-Dec. 24 and Dec. 26-Jan. 30 with a bag limit of 20.

Snow goose Conservation Order:

Feb. 2-April 25 with no bag limit.

Dove:

Oct. 4-19

Dec. 13, 2008-Jan. 2, 2009

Virginia and Sora Rail:
Sept. 13-Nov. 21

Spotted Skunk, Weasel Hunting:
Closed

Fall Turkey:
Archery: All Zones: Oct. 1, 2008-Feb. 28, 2009.

Bear:
Archery: Zone 1: Oct. 1-Nov. 30
Zone 2: Sept. 15-Nov. 30
Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed
Muzzleloader: Zones 1 and 2: Oct 18-26
Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed
Modern Gun: Zones 1 and 2: Nov 3-30
Zone 5: Dec 6-14
Zone 5A: Nov 29-Dec 14
Zones 3, 4, 6 and 7: closed
Special Youth Modern Gun Bear Hunt: Zones 1 and 2 (does not include WMAs requiring a deer permit to harvest a bear): Nov. 1-2
Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed

Furbearers:
Trapping (other than coyote, beaver, muskrat, nutria): sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, Feb. 22.
Coyote trapping: sunrise, Aug. 1-sunset, March 31.
Beaver, muskrat, nutria trapping: sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, March 31.
Gray fox, mink, opossum, red fox, striped skunk hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1-sunset, Feb 28.
Raccoon day or night hunting: sunrise, Sept 1-sunset, March 31.
Raccoon night hunting: sunset, July 1-sunrise, Aug. 31.
Bobcat hunting: sunrise, Oct. 1-sunset, Feb. 28 and from the first day of spring turkey season through June 8.
Coyote hunting: sunrise, July 1-sunset, Feb. 28 and from the first day of spring turkey season through June 14.
River otter hunting: sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, Feb. 28.
Muskrat, nutria, beaver hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1-sunset, March 31.
Badger, spotted skunk and weasel hunting: Closed.

Elk:
Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, A and B: Dec. 8-12.

Quail:
Statewide: Nov. 1-Feb. 8.

Rabbit
Statewide: Sept. 1-Feb. 28.

Squirrel
Statewide: Sept. 6, 2008-Feb. 28, 2009 and May 16-June 14, 2009.

Crow
Statewide: Sept. 6-Feb. 23.

Projected opening dates for the 2009-2010 deer hunting season.

Archery:
Oct. 1, 2009

Muzzleloader:
Oct. 17, 2009

Modern Gun:
Nov. 14, 2009

Coming up in the outdoors

Nov. 1 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Youth Deer Hunting."

Nov. 1 – Logan County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Craighead County Fairgrounds in Paris. For more information contact Shane Vincent at (479) 963-6245 or Marcus Berry at (479) 970-2176 or shanev@hprd.k12.ar.us.

Nov. 1 – Ouachita County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Riverwoods in Camden. For more information contact Alan Dean at (870) 818-4195 or aland@gwhsi.com.

Nov. 1 - Catfishing Tournament at Lake Dardanelle. The tournament is open to the general public and hosted by the Arkansas Catfish Association. Keith "Catfish" Sutton will be the guest of honor with a book signing session beginning at 10 a.m. at the weigh-in pavilion. Sign-in is at 6 a.m. at the pavilion next to the Visitor's Center and launching at 7 a.m. and check-in at 4 p.m. \$50 entry fee individually or by a team boat with 80 percent payout for five catfish maximum total weight without restrictions. \$20 optional for the biggest cat with 100 percent payout, plus a \$50 gift card from Wal-Mart of Russellville. For information call James Freeman at (870) 810-3293, Paul Schweyer at (479) 719-0474 or Lee Fields at (870) 577-7289.

Nov. 6 - The Twin City Chapter of Delta Waterfowl will hold their annual banquet on at the Clear Channel Metroplex. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by banquet 6 p.m. and the auction at 7 p.m. Please contact David Frazier at (501) 772-4907 for tickets or additional information.

Nov. 6 – Texarkana Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Four State Fairground Building. For more information contact Robert Graves at (903) 748-5352 or robert.graves@domtar.com.

Nov. 8 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Wild Game Cooking."

Nov. 13 – Independence County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Batesville Country Club. For more information contact Shannon Huff at (870) 612-3757 or black_mallard@hotmail.com.

Nov. 14 – Clay County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Corning Airport. For more information contact Shane Mansker at (870) 219-2056 or ag_pilot1@hotmail.com.

Nov. 15 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Ducks, Ducks and More Ducks."

Nov. 15 – Hurricane Lake Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Carmichael Center in Searcy. For more information contact Larry Winningham at (501) 268-5085 or shelma@sbcglobal.net or Roger McClain at (501) 412-2621 or deerhunter72568@yahoo.com.

Nov. 15 – Delta Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, McGehee Country Club. For more information contact Troy Meaux at (870) 818-5658 or temeaux@yahoo.com.

Nov. 20 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include: special fishing regulations approval.

Nov. 20 – Paragould Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, National Guard Armory. For more information contact Jarrod Kersey at (870) 476-2549 or dexum@grnco.net.

Nov. 20 – Pine Bluff Razorback Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Harbor Oaks Country Club. For more information contact Bryan Hornsby at (870) 267-3885.

Nov. 22 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Wings Over the Prairie Festival."

Nov. 29 – Brookings Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Brookings Landing. For more information contact Eric or Carolann Wilmes at (870) 236-4225 or ufoundcarolann@hotmail.com.

Nov. 29 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "How 'Bout Them Hogs?"

Dec. 6 – Poinsett County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Trumann Recreational Complex. For more information contact Chris Gairhan at (870) 530-2899 or cgairhan@yahoo.com.

Dec. 6 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Christmas Gift Ideas." The Grand Prize will also be awarded to some lucky viewer.

Dec. 6 – Cypress Bayou Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Beebe National Guard Armory. For more information contact Barry Wolfe at (501) 681-4286 or wolfe.barry@gmail.com.

Dec. 12 – Hughes Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Hughes Fire Station. For more information contact Bobby Cupples at (901) 489-7263.

Dec. 13 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "The Art of Carving."

Dec. 13 – East Arkansas Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Southland Greyhound Park. For more information contact Jason Rodgers at (870) 225-6642 or agoinc4450@aol.com.

Dec. 18 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m.

Dec. 20 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "The Trout Magnet."

Dec. 27 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Holiday Squirrel Hunt."

Dec. 31 – Razorduck Chapter of Ducks Unlimited membership banquet, Foothills Indoor Arena in Clarksville. For more information contact Cheryl Feikema at (479) 754-3924 or cherdene@suddenlink.net.

Jan. 6, 2009 – AGFC hunting regulations meetings, 7 p.m.

Jan. 10, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Bald Eagle."

Jan. 9-11, 2009 – Marine Expo at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock.

Jan. 17, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Watchable Wildlife and Outdoor Photography."

Jan. 22, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m.

Jan. 24, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Ladies Only Duck Hunt."

Jan. 31, 2009 – Outdoor Sportsmen Banquet, Greenwood High School basketball arena, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jan. 31, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Late Season Duck Hunt."

Feb. 7, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "The Art of Knife Making."

Feb. 14, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Run, Rabbit, Run."

Feb. 19, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include the 2009-2010 general hunting regulation proposals.

Feb. 21, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK

Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Bringing Back the Bobwhite Quail."

Feb. 28, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Zig-Jigging for Trout."

March 7, 2009 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 9 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Raccoon Hunting."

March 19, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m. Topics include the 2009-2010 general hunting regulations approval.

April 16, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m.

May 21, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the AGFC Little Rock central office, 2 Natural Resources Dr., beginning at 9 a.m.

June 18, 2009 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting in Lake Village. Topics include the early migratory bird season proposals.

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